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CLAIMS

1. A video playback device comprising the following configuration:

a video storage means (1494) for storing a plurality of videos;

5   a thumbnail image generation means (134) for generating thumbnail images from said videos and for generating thumbnail images;

a thumbnail image storage means (1495, 1497) for storing thumbnail images of said videos and correspondingly appending

10   plural sets generated in said thumbnail image generation means;

a display means (102) for performing a list display of thumbnail images for plural sets stored in said thumbnail image storage means;

a selection means (106) for selecting any one of a plurality

15   of thumbnail images displayed in said display means; and

a playback means (134) for reducing the size of a particular thumbnail image and replaying a video corresponding to a thumbnail image selected in said selection means in said thumbnail image display position.

2. The video playback device according to claim 1, wherein said thumbnail image storage means is characterized by:

a means (1495) for storing only thumbnail images generated by said thumbnail image generation means;

5   said means (1495) for storing stored addresses; and

a storage and management means (1497) for correspondingly
appending and managing storage addresses of said videos.

3.   The video playback device according to claim 2, wherein said
storage and management means is characterized by correspondingly
appending and storing the playback time duration acquired from
said videos.

4.   The video playback device according to claim 2, wherein said
storage and management means is characterized by correspondingly
appending and storing the acquisition method source acquired
from said videos.

5.   The video playback device according to claim 1, further
comprises:
       an assignment means (134) for assigning special effects
in optional frames of video stored in said video storage means;
and
       said thumbnail image generation means generates a thumbnail
image from a frame in which special effects are not assigned
by said assignment means.

6.   The video playback device according to claim 1, wherein said
thumbnail image generation means generates a thumbnail image
from a frame of any lead frame, intermediate frame or final frame
of a video stored in said video storage means.

7. The video playback device according to claim 1, further

comprises:

        an imaging means (118, 139, 140); and

        said video storage means stores video imaged by said imaging

5   means.

8. The video playback device according to claim 1, further

comprises:

        a wireless communication means (103, 130, 131); and

        said video storage means stores video received by said

5   wireless communication means.

9.. The video playback device according to claim 1, further

comprises:

        an input means (145, 146) for acquiring video externally;

and

5   said video storage means stores video inputted by said input

means.

10. The video playback device according to claim 1, wherein

stores video acquired via broadcasting medium.

11. A video playback method comprising the following steps:

        a thumbnail image generation step for generating thumbnail

images from a plurality of videos and for generating thumbnail

images stored in a first memory;

a thumbnail image storage step for storing thumbnail images
of said videos and correspondingly appending plural sets
generated in said thumbnail image generation step in a second
memory;

a display step for performing a list display of thumbnail
images for plural sets stored in said thumbnail image storage
step;

a selection step for selecting any one of a plurality of
thumbnail images displayed in said display step; and

a playback step for reducing the size of a particular
thumbnail image and replaying a video corresponding to said
selection step in said thumbnail image display position.

12. The video playback method according to claim 11, further
includes:

a storage and management step for correspondingly appending
and managing storage addresses of videos in s aid first memory;
and

said second memory stores only thumbnail images generated
by said thumbnail image means and storage addresses of thumbnail
images in said second memory.

13. The video playback method according to claim 12, wherein
said storage and management step is characterized by
correspondingly appending and storing the video playback time

duration acquired from said videos.

14.   The video playback method according to claim 12, wherein said storage and management step is characterized by correspondingly appending and storing the acquisition method source acquired from said videos.

15.   The video playback method according to claim 11, further includes:

     an assignment step for assigning special effects in optional frames of video stored in said first memory; and

     said thumbnail image generation step for generating a thumbnail image from a frame in which special effects are not assigned by said assignment step.

16.   The video playback method according to claim 11, wherein said thumbnail image generation step generates a thumbnail image from a frame of any lead frame, intermediate frame or final frame of a video stored in said first memory.

17.   The video playback method according to claim 11, further includes:

     a storage step for storing video imaged by an image pick-up section (118, 139, 140) in said first memory.

18.   The video playback method according to claim 11, further

includes:

a storage step for storing video received by a wireless communication section (103, 130, 131) in said first memory.

19.   The video playback method according to claim 11, wherein an input section (145, 146) acquires video externally and stores inputted video.

20.   A video playback program characterized by execution in a computer comprising a first memory and a second memory includes:

a thumbnail generation step for generating thumbnail images from a plurality of videos and for generating thumbnail images
5   in said first memory;

a thumbnail storage step for storing thumbnail images of said videos and correspondingly appending plural sets generated in said thumbnail image generation step in a second memory;

a display step for performing a list display of thumbnail
10   images for plural sets stored in said thumbnail image storage step;

a selection step for selecting any one of a plurality of thumbnail images displayed in said display step; and

a playback step for reducing the size of a particular
15   thumbnail image and replaying a video corresponding to said selection step in said thumbnail image display position.